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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Rodney Alan CROSS et al.

Conf. 7245

Application No. 10/565,172

Group 3676

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Examiner A. Pickard

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO NON-CONTACTING FACE
SEALS AND THRUST BEARINGS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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October 28, 2009

Sir:

In response to the final Official Action mailed
July 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.